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Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky speaks with a group of farmers at the Farmland Preservation Celebration held in September on the Lebanon Green.

GOV. MALLOY RE-APPOINTS STEVEN K. REVICZKY AS COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BY STEVE JENSEN, OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER STEVEN K. REVICZKY

Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky has been re-appointed to a second 4-year term by Governor Dannel P. Malloy, who praised Reviczky's role in making Connecticut a leader in agricultural growth.

"Steve has been instrumental in carrying out initiatives and implementing policy and programs to promote Connecticut agriculture while protecting public health, food safety and agricultural resources in the our state," said Governor Malloy. "I am honored to reappoint him to lead the Agriculture Department and look forward to continuing the impressive progress we have made over the last four years to grow and support Connecticut's agricultural operations."

Commissioner Reviczky was first appointed to the position by Gov. Malloy in January 2011. He also worked in DOAG's Farmland Preservation Program from 1998 to 2006, and was Executive Director of the Connecticut Farm Bureau from 2006 until his appointment as Commissioner.

"Connecticut leads New England in new farm growth and our farm families appreciate the Governor's commitment to supporting their efforts and the work of the Department of Agriculture on their behalf," Reviczky said. "This is an exciting time for agricult-

ure in Connecticut and I am looking forward to continuing to lead an agency that plays a vital role in improving both the nutritional and economic health of our great state."

One of Reviczky's top priorities has been to modernize the agency's operations and infrastructure in order to better execute its mission of protecting public health, ensuring food safety and growing Connecticut's farms.

With Gov. Malloy's support, the agency has accelerated its efforts to keep farmland available for agricultural production and to restore dormant farmland to productive cropland.

Under Reviczky, the agency also has taken a more active role in animal-health and animal-cruelty issues, and in ensuring that shellfish taken from Connecticut waters are free of disease or contamination.

It also has taken an aggressive approach in helping farmers repair and rebuild their operations damaged in a series of extreme weather events in recent years.

Reviczky also has strengthened Connecticut's voice in agricultural policy through his election by his peers as President of the Northeast Association of State Departments of Agriculture, and as secretary/treasurer of the National Association of State

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PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing

LOW HIGH

SLAUGHTER COWS:

breakers 75-80% lean	103.75	108.25
boners 80-85% lean	100.50	105.75
lean 85-90% lean	94.50	100.25

CALVES graded bull

No 1 95-120lbs	394.00	445.00
No 2 95-120lbs	374.00	425.00
No 3 80-120lbs	294.00	377.00

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS

HiCh/prm3-4	163.00	166.25
Ch2-3	157.00	160.50
Sel1-2	152.50	155.50

SLAUGHTER STEERS.

HiCh/prm3-4	165.25	169.25
Ch2-3	162.00	165.50
Sel1-3	153.75	157.50

SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS

HiCh/prm3-4	148.75	152.50
Ch2-3	140.25	144.50
Sel1-2	136.50	142.50

VEALERS

	60.50	139.25
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SLAUGHTER LAMBS: ch/pr 2-3

30-60lb	337.00	355.00
60-80 lbs	290.00	290.00
110-130lbs	210.00	220.00

SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3

120-160lbs	116.00	144.00
160-200lbs	98.00	125.00

BUCKS

120-160 lbs	110.00	160.00
160-250lbs	82.00	105.00

SLAUGHTER GOATS: Sel. 1, by head, est.

40-60lb	150.00	182.00
60-80lb	167.00	207.00
80-100	202.00	230.00
Nannies/Does: 80-130lbs	190.00	215.00
130-170lbs	210.00	230.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs	250.00	330.00
150-250lbs	340.00	395.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

48-52	200-400 lbs	62.00	70.00
	300-350 lbs	n/a	
52-56	200-350 lbs	71.00	76.00

Sows, US1-3	300-500 lbs	pkg	66.00
	500-700 lbs	65.50	68.00
Boars	400-800 lbs	n/a	

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES**NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

(Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices)

	LOW	HIGH
SQUASH, BUTTERCUP, 1 1/9	12.00	15.00
LETTUCE, BOSTON, GH, 12/4OZ	15.00	17.00
CIDER, 9-1/2 GAL	18.00	20.00
APPLE PINKLADY 88CT, XFCY	28.00	28.00
POTATOES, 10LB	2.00	2.10
BEAN SPROUTS, 10LB	4.50	6.00
POTATOES, RUSSET, 100CT	14.00	14.00
POTATOES, YLOW, CHEF, 50LB	15.00	15.00
SQUASH, ACORN, 1 1/9	8.00	13.00
POTATOES, RED, SZ A, 50LB	11.00	11.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, 1 1/9	12.00	15.00
TURNIP, PURPLE, 1 1/9	10.00	10.00
PARSNIPS, 25LB	19.00	22.00
POTATOES, CHEF, 50LB	10.00	10.00
TOMATOES, 11LB, VR	18.00	18.00
APPLE, MCINTOSH, 100CT XFCY	24.00	27.00
APPLE, MCINTOSH, 80 CT FCY	20.00	20.00
APPLE, MCINTOSH, 120, US#1	17.00	18.00
APPLE, GALA, 80CT, XFCY	24.00	26.00
APPLE, MCINTOSH, 12/3	17.00	18.00
APPLE, FUJI, 80CT, XFCY	26.00	30.00
APPLE, CORT, BU, FCY	18.00	18.00
APPLE, EMPIRE, 80CT, XFCY	25.00	27.00

SHIPPED IN

AVOCADOS, 48CT, DR	30.00	32.00
CHERRIES, 5KG, CHILE	38.00	40.00
PEACHES, 50CT, CHILE	36.00	36.00

**NORTHEAST/USDA RETAIL BEEF
PRICES PER LB, CHOICE**

BONE-IN RIBEYE	5.99	12.99
T-BONE STEAK	8.99	8.99
BONE-IN STRIP STEAK	6.99	7.99
SIRLOIN STEAK TIPS	4.99	4.99
CHUCK ROAST	4.99	4.99
BEEF SHORT RIBS	5.97	5.97
CUBE STEAK	4.69	5.99
RUMP ROAST	3.99	5.79

HAY**LANCASTER, PA/PRICE PER TON**

	PREMIUM	GOOD
ALFALFA	245.00-370.00	185.00-215.00
MIXED HAY	230.00-440.00	190.00-225.00
TIMOTHY	230.00-365.00	189.00-205.00
STRAW	110.00-220.00	N/A

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, Dec. 29, 2014

LOW HIGH

Bob Calves:

45-60 lbs.	50.00	65.00
61-75 lbs.	250.00	270.00
76-90 lbs.	280.00	290.00
91-105 lbs.	300.00	305.00
106 lbs. & up	310.00	320.00
Farm Calves	330.00	355.00
Starter Calves	48.00	52.00
Veal Calves	120.00	180.00
Open Heifers	140.00	180.00
Beef Heifers	108.00	130.00
Feeder Steers	120.00	170.00
Beef Steers	129.00	148.00
Stock Bulls	135.00	170.00
Beef Bulls	120.00	147.50
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	1 at 42.00	
Butcher Hogs	150.00	165.00
Feeder Pigs	7 at 55.00	
Sheep	95.00	125.00
Lambs	135.00	290.00
Goats each	125.00	200.00
Kid Goats	n/a	n/a
Canners	up to	110.50
Cutters	111.00	114.00
Utility Grade Cows	115.00	117.50
Rabbits each	4.00	26.00
Chickens each	4.00	40.00
Ducks each	9.00	22.50

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDAPer doz. Grade A and Grade A white
in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.44	1.48
LARGE	1.42	1.46
MEDIUM	1.16	1.20

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGSPer doz. Grade A brown in
carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	2.22	2.37
LARGE	2.21	2.36
MEDIUM	1.45	1.57

PA FEEDER PIG SUMMARY**US# 1-2**

20-30lb	185.00	235.00
40-50lb	175.00	185.00

US# 2

20-30lb	175.00	200.00
30-40lb	220.00	225.00
40-50lb	160.00	180.00

FOR SALE

1-R. Blumenthal & Donahue is now Connecticut's first independent NATIONWIDE Agri-Business Insurance Agency. Christmas tree growers, beekeepers, sheep breeders, organic farmers and all others, call us for all your insurance needs. 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com.

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3-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

4-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227.

5-R. Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Program, endorsed by the CT Farm Bureau, save up to 23% on your farm insurance and get better protection. References available from satisfied farmers. Call Marci today at 203-444-6553.

150-R. Ford Skidsteer, Wisconsin V4, bucket, extension for snow, Hay Spike attachment, excellent condition, inside stored. \$4,900. 860-877-3335.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR CT GROWN DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

The Department of Agriculture is offering funding to growers interested in installing Connecticut Grown directional signs near their farms.

The funding is through the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant and will pay 100 percent of the cost of manufacturing and installing the sign. Funds are available until January 31, 2015.

Growers must first obtain approvals from the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Transportation and provide the following forms to receive funding:

- A financial form/invoice showing cost to the grower of making and installing an approved sign.
- A SP-26 State of Connecticut Agency Vendor Form
- A W-9 form

Questions should be directed to Richard Macsuga at 860-713-2544 or richard.macsuga@ct.gov

Governor Dannel P. Malloy and Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky wish all of Connecticut's farm families and our readers a healthy and prosperous New Year!

REVICZKY RE-APPOINTED AS AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER
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Departments of Agriculture. He will become President of the national association in 2017.

Under Reviczky's leadership, some of the department's central accomplishments include:

- Accelerating use of the Farmland Preservation Program, ensuring that Connecticut's prime and important farmland remains available for agricultural production in perpetuity. The department recently marked the milestones of protecting 300 farms and 40,000 acres, and is now in the process of preserving more than 70 additional farms comprising about 7,000 acres.
- Implementing Gov. Malloy's \$5 million Farmland Restoration Program, which offers farmers matching grants of up to \$20,000 to bring more land into active agricultural production. More than 1,300 acres have been brought into production through clearing of rocks, stumps and invasive plants, installing wildlife fencing and planting cover crops.
- Targeting agency grant programs to strengthen agricultural infrastructure to adapt to climate change and to prepare Connecticut farms for compliance with the federal Food Safety Modernization Act.
- Protecting the 900-acre Southbury Training School Farm in order to ensure that this irreplaceable southwest Connecticut resource always remains available for agricultural production and to create additional opportunities for farming and related education.
- Advancing the goals of the Governor's Council for Agricultural Development, which has solicited input and engaged hundreds of farmers and associated stakeholders in order to shape a long-range, strategic plan to grow Connecticut's farms and increase agriculture's contribution to Connecticut's economy and job-creation efforts.
- Creating a master plan for the modernization of the Hartford Regional Market. Covering 32 acres and containing more than 230,000 square feet of warehouse space, a railroad spur and 144 farmers' market stalls, the Regional Market is the largest perishable food-distribution hub between New York and Boston. The master plan calls for construction of new facilities to accommodate an increase in wholesale and retail activity at the market, which has not undergone a significant updating since it was built more than 60 years ago.



THERAPY DOG HELPS CARE FOR ANIMALS SEIZED IN NEGLECT CASES

A \$2,000 donation from the sale of prints of a Manchester therapy dog named Gizmo were donated last week to the Department of Agriculture's Second Chance large-animal rehabilitation facility in Niantic.

Gizmo's owner, Jennifer Adams, and David Nevue, an artist who created the print, delivered a check to the facility on Dec. 26. They were accompanied by Gizmo, who visited some of the horses, goats and donkeys housed there after being seized in neglect or abuse cases.

Gizmo and Adams, a special-education teacher in Manchester, regularly visit nursing homes, hospitals, schools, and the Hartford Public Library, where the 3-½ pound dog participates in the Paws to Read children's program.

"I've had high school kids write entire term papers with Gizmo on their lap," Adams said. "He just really helps people chill out and feel good about themselves."

Gizmo also supports causes including pet rescues, food pantries, children's charities and cancer research.

Adams said the Second Chance facility was a natural choice for Gizmo's generosity, being that his "best friend" is a horse named Chippee. She learned about Second Chance when Dept. of Agriculture Animal Control Officer (and Gizmo fan) Kelli Peet posted a link to a video about the facility on Gizmo's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/GizmosFrens>.

Located at York Correctional Facility, the Second Chance program is a collaboration between the Dept. of Agriculture and the Dept. of Correction through which inmates volunteer to work with the animals in partnership with agency personnel.

**Donations to help offset costs of caring for neglected animals
can be made by sending a check to:**

THE ANIMAL ABUSE COST RECOVERY ACCOUNT

c/o Connecticut Department of Agriculture

165 Capitol Avenue, Room G-8A Hartford, Connecticut 06106



Above: Gizmo, a Manchester therapy dog who helped deliver a generous donation to the Dept. of Agriculture's Second Chance large-animal rehabilitation facility in Niantic last week.



Left: Gizmo was accompanied by (L-to-R), artist David Nevue, holding the Gizmo print he created; Ray Connors, the Dept. of Agriculture's head Animal Control Officer; Gizmo's owner Jennifer Adams, and Department of Agriculture Animal Control Officers Nancy Jarvis and Kelli Peet. Jarvis and Peet are seen handling two Mustangs being rehabilitated at the facility since being seized last summer when they were found emaciated at a Redding home in a case that led to the arrest of their owner on charges of animal cruelty.

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